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SUBJECT: AFP REPORTS ON SENATOR MANSFIELD'S COMMENTS REGARDING SINO-U.S. RELATIONS

1) FBIS HAS CARRIED SEVERAL REPORTS DESCRIBING IN SOME DETAIL SENATOR MANSFIELD'S REACTIONS AND OBSERVATIONS FOLLOWING HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH

CHINESE LEADERS. THESE REPORTS ARE ALL BASED ON AN INTERVIEW HE GRANT ED

TO CHICAGO TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT SAM JAFFE ON THE EVENING PRIOR TO SENATOR MANSFIELD'S DEPARTURE FOR CHENGCHOW. ACCORDING TO JAFFE, THE SENATOR EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED HIM TO PASS ON HIS VIEWS TO THE LOCAL PRESS CORPS.

2) AFP'S ROMENSKY HAS FILED AN ARTICLE REPORTING THAT THE CHINESE INDICATED TO THE SENATOR THAT THEY WERE DISSATISFIED WITH THE PACE OF NORMALIZATION OF U.S. - PRC RELATIONS. ALTHOUGH USLO OFFICERS WERE NOT PRESENT AT MEETINGS BETWEEN THE SENATOR AND TOP CHINESE LEADERS, DC HOLDRIDGE WAS PRESENT AT BANQUETS AND LUNCHEONS DURING WHICH THIS SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED. NOTHING THAT WAS SAID LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDICATED ANY SIGNIFICANT SHIFT FROM WELL KNOWN CHINESE POSITIONS.

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